

Washington, DC- Tuesday evening Representative Harry Teague and Congressman Silvestre Reyes passed a resolution to honor the 85th Anniversary of the Border Patrol. The resolution expresses gratitude for the continued commitment of the Border Patrol in protecting the United States.

[Click here to watch a video of Congressman Teague speaking in favor of the resolution on the floor.](#)

Both Representatives delivered speeches on the floor of the House of Representatives in favor of the resolution.

From Representative Harry Teague's Floor Statement:

*"The Border Patrol has undergone incredible changes over the past 85 years...They have learned to deal with new threats, such as terrorists and weapons of mass destruction. They are our first line of defense against many threats, including terrorists, illicit drugs, weapons, and criminals. And, they perform admirably at these tasks....The functions of the Border Patrol are more important today than ever. We have given them an incredibly difficult task, and the brave men and women of the Border Patrol deserve the full support of Congress in achieving their goals."*

From Representative Silvestre Reyes's Floor Statement.

*"The U.S. Border Patrol has a unique and rich history that began on May 28, 1924, when Congress passed the Labor Appropriation Act which officially established the U.S. Border Patrol in El Paso, Texas and Detroit, Michigan...the U.S. Border Patrol is vital to our homeland security strategy and has evolved into one of our country's finest law enforcement organizations."*

You can watch both Representatives [Teague](#) and [Reyes](#) speaking in favor of the resolution by clicking the pictures below.

The Border Patrol is often the first line of defense against many threats. They patrol over 8,000 miles of international borders with Mexico and Canada and the coastal waters around Florida and Puerto Rico to secure and facilitate trade and travel while enforcing hundreds of U.S. regulations, including immigration and drug laws. Today over 18,800 Border Patrol Agents risk their lives in defense of our country.